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LINKING HEALTH AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT WORK  
WITH MINORITIES IN UTAH

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### THE CENTER FOR MULTICULTURAL HEALTH LAUNCHES AN ONLINE LIBRARY DOZENS OF HEALTH RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN SEVERAL LANGUAGES

The Utah Department of Health's (UDOH) Center for Multicultural Health (CMH) Web site now includes a library of health education materials in many languages to help health professionals communicate with people who don't speak English well. The library was developed in response to a needs assessment conducted by CMH among local health departments that identified the need to make multilingual resources easier to find. It provides the opportunity to share health education materials and will help to prioritize what additional health educational materials are needed.

Multilingual resources include brochures, manuals, Web sites, interactive tutorials and videos. Most library materials can be printed or downloaded directly from the Internet, without requiring mail order. All resources were created by the UDOH or have been adopted by the Department for local audiences. Visitors can search the library by health topic or by language. The English versions of translated materials are included next to versions in other languages for reference.

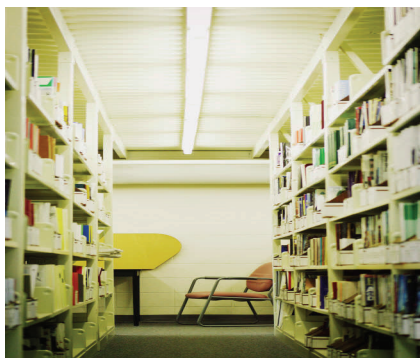
According to the 2005 American Community Survey, 14% of Utahns speak a language other than English at home. "Many people who speak English as a second language communicate very well in everyday situations, but health information can include terminology that is unfamiliar to them," said Janae Duncan, CMH health program specialist. "They appreciate learning about their health in their first language," she added. "The Multilingual Library is different from other Web sites because it promotes resources developed right here in Utah," said Duncan. "In addition, the site provides links to other multilingual databases across the U.S."

The library currently includes materials in 24 different languages. However, some languages have more resources than others. "By far, there are more resources available in Spanish than in any other language," said April Young Bennett, CMH health program specialist. Spanish is the most common language spoken in Utah after English.

"Right now, the online library includes materials that relate to certain priority health areas for Utah racial and ethnic minorities, like cancer and diabetes, but we will be expanding the site to eventually include all of the Department's multilingual materials," added Bennett. "Our goal is to create a one-stop shop for all our translated materials." CMH will be adding new resources monthly and welcomes your feedback on what type of health educational materials you would like added to the library.

For more information or to let us know about materials you would like added to the library, <http://www.health.utah.gov/cmh/multilinguallibrary.htm> or contact Janae Duncan, (801) 538-9453.

*April Bennett and Janae Duncan, CMH Health Program Specialists*



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## STATE RESOURCES FOR RACIAL/ETHNIC MINORITIES AND UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

The purpose of this section is to increase the health professionals and the community knowledge about the different offices, programs, committees, and networks available in the State of Utah to serve racial/ethnic minorities and underserved populations.

### THE ETHNIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EHAC)

Look around the room and you'll see a diverse group sitting at tables shaped into a circle with name plates in front of each individual and a presenter providing invaluable information. Then the floor is open for discussion for today's agenda items. From Asthma to Medicaid each topic receives the attention of the group which will then provide feedback, input, make action items and recommendations. This is a brief rundown of a typical meeting of the Utah Department of Health, Ethnic Health Advisory Committee meeting.

The Ethnic Health Advisory Committee (EHAC) serves as an advisory board to the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) to plan new programs and to continue existing programs that seek to increase cultural sensitivity and competence in Utah's health care system. The Committee is made up of 18 people--three members at-large and three representatives of each of the following racial/ethnic groups: Black/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. The Committee members meet bi-monthly to discuss the concerns and issues of each racial and ethnic group. These meetings are open to the public. For meeting times and locations, please visit our website [www.health.utah.gov/cmh](http://www.health.utah.gov/cmh) and go to the calendar section. If you would like to attend a meeting as a guest or presenter, please send an e-mail to [cmh@utah.gov](mailto:cmh@utah.gov). EHAC welcomes any comments, questions or suggestions.

The mission of EHAC is to assist UDOH in its efforts to improve the delivery of comprehensive health care services and to improve the health status of the ethnic populations of the state.

In order to accomplish its mission, the EHAC has the following goals:

- Strengthen the role of EHAC as the primary ethnic health advisory group on ethnic health issues.
- Improve the health outcomes of ethnic groups in Utah.
- Stimulate the development of mechanisms for bridging cultural and language barriers.
- Make recommendations to the UDOH on ethnic health issues.

The UDOH, Center for Multicultural Health (CMH) staff serves as liaisons to EHAC and provides logistical and administrative support to EHAC. The CMH also facilitates communication between EHAC and UDOH programs. Many UDOH programs also have staff liaisons who attend regular EHAC meetings which include: Health Care Finance, Children With Special Health Care Needs, Cancer Control, Immunization and Indian Health.

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## APRIL IS THE NATIONAL SEXUAL TRANSMITTED DISEASES (STDs) AWARENESS MONTH

An article by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state health departments from Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington, contains some alarming news for these eight western states. In recent decades these states have had lower rates of gonorrhea than other U.S. regions; however, from 2000 to 2005 rates in these states increased 42%. **In Utah, the rate increased 195%**, or from 10.3 cases per 100,000 to 30.4 per 100,000 (from 231 to 727 cases). Preliminary data for 2006 indicates that Utah will exceed 850 cases. Gonorrhea is a sexually transmitted disease (STD) that can cause pelvic inflammatory disease, chronic pelvic pain and infertility.

The exact causes for the increase in gonorrhea are not fully understood at this time. However, Utah officials believe that the increase is due to a mix of changes in testing that have led to finding more cases and a true increase in the number of Utahns who are getting gonorrhea. State Epidemiologist, Dr. Robert Rolfs says "People could be having more high risk sex or not getting treated as soon so they have longer to transmit the infection to somebody else. We may also be having less success at getting their sex partners treated quickly."

The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) and local health departments are working with the CDC to further investigate and respond to the increases.

According to a national survey conducted by the American Social Health Association, one of the most disturbing findings is that people are not communicating about STDs, thereby putting themselves unknowingly at risk for contracting and spreading diseases. In the recent survey, the vast majority (93 percent) believe their current or most recent partner didn't have an STD, yet about 1 out of 3 people have never discussed STDs with their partner. About half (53 percent) said their partner had been tested. Beyond reluctance to discuss STDs with their sex partners, respondents also appeared hesitant to seek information from their physicians. Despite the fact that nearly 70 percent of people rely on healthcare providers for health information, less than half of those surveyed have ever spoken to their providers about STDs. Interestingly, among those who are sexually active, the most common reason cited for not talking to their doctor was that they didn't feel they were at risk.

One in every four Americans will contract an STD sometime in their lifetime. In 2000 alone, there were more than 18.9 million new infections, which are a significant burden on the economy, costing an estimated \$8 billion to diagnose and treat. And yet nearly 7 in 10 (68 percent) of people surveyed are not concerned about contracting an STD.

April is National STD Awareness Month. In conjunction with this, UDOH is planning a Free STD Testing week for April 16-20, when anyone can go to a designated clinic and receive free testing for gonorrhea, chlamydia, and HIV. For more information on the free testing please call, 801-538-6171. The Davis County Health Department is planning a summit for local and state health department personnel, as well as community members, to identify how best to respond to these recent increases in STDs.

To view the full report visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5610.pdf>

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This is the fifth year, *Cover the Uninsured Week* brings together business owners, union members, educators, students, patients, physicians, nurses, faith leaders and their congregants, and organizations in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to demand that our nation's leaders find solutions for the more than 46 million Americans living without health insurance. What started in 2003 as a week-long effort to raise awareness has become a nationwide movement to make sure that this issue is a top national priority. Each year, *Cover the Uninsured Week* gains momentum as thousands of people organize events and activities on behalf of America's uninsured.

*Cover the Uninsured Week* 2007 will focus on a clear goal: demonstrating broad support for the reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and the need to cover America's uninsured children. *Cover the Uninsured Week* 2007 will create a groundswell of activities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia designed to highlight the success of SCHIP, demonstrate the need for public children's health coverage programs, help uninsured children get enrolled in public coverage programs, and continue to press for coverage for all uninsured Americans. Activities will include press conferences, community forums, health and enrollment fairs, seminars for small businesses, campus events, faith-based activities, and more.

Ten years ago, Congress created SCHIP to cover kids whose parents work but can't afford health insurance on their own. Thanks to SCHIP, millions of children can now see a doctor when they are sick and get the care they need to stay healthy. But there are 9 million more children--more than the total number of kids enrolled in the first and second grades in U.S. public schools--still living without health coverage. This year, Congress must reauthorize SCHIP for it to continue. Congress has the opportunity to cover millions more uninsured kids, ensuring they, too, get the care they need.

If you want to know more about State Children's Health Insurance Program in Utah go to <http://health.utah.gov/chip/>

If you want to get involved go to <http://covertheuninsured.org/whatyoucando/>



## BRIEF NEWS

### OFFICE OF PUBLIC GUARDIAN ANNOUNCEMENT OF 3 BOARD VACANCIES

The State of Utah Office of Public Guardian has 3 openings on the Board of Public Guardian Services for the following positions: 1.) a representative of the hospital industry, 2.) a representative of senior citizens, and 3.) a physician. The Board of Public Guardian Services is responsible for establishing the policy of the Office of Public Guardian seeing that the legislative purposes for the office are carried out.

The term of appointment is 4 years with 1 additional term possible. The board meets every other month, usually on the first Friday of that month for 2 hours (usually 12-2pm). The next meeting is Friday April 6th. Mileage reimbursement & compensation for the 2 hours each meeting are available.

The Office of Public Guardian provides guardianships, conservatorships and related alternative services to mentally incapacitated adults who have no responsible, willing and able family or friends to serve as their legal decision maker. Guardianship and conservatorship services protect incapacitated adults who lack the capacity to make decisions on things such as medical care or to meet basic needs, by acting on the individuals behalf. Without this service, individuals are at risk for abuse, neglect and/or exploitation. OPG serves approximately 200-250 clients statewide.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Public Guardian Services or you know someone who may be interested in serving, please contact OPG Director, Lori Bays, at (801) 538-8255 or by e-mail at [LBAYS@utah.gov](mailto:LBAYS@utah.gov).

### BENEFITS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR NATIVE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

A new report, "*The Path of Many Journeys: The Benefits of Higher Education for Native People and Communities*," summarizes data on the historically low college-going rates of American Indians as well as some signs of increases in recent decades. The report also details the impact on tribal groups and tribal colleges of having more members with college degrees. The report was released this week by the Institute for Higher Education Policy and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

To view the full report visit:

[http://www.usafunds.org/forms/school\\_lender/path\\_of\\_many\\_journeys.pdf](http://www.usafunds.org/forms/school_lender/path_of_many_journeys.pdf)

### DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE COALITIONS

Prevention Institute works to "create systematic, comprehensive strategies that change the conditions that impact community health." I recently found the resource "Developing Effective Coalitions: An Eight Step Guide" See this and other tools at

<http://www.preventioninstitute.org/tools.html>

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## 5TH ANNUAL "AWAKENING UTAH" WALK FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

The Mental Health Association in Utah and Educators Mutual along with several corporate sponsors and community partners are proud to announce the 5th Annual "Awakening Utah" Walk for Suicide Prevention and Awareness 2007. This is an invitation to the Utah community to participate in "Awakening Utah" to the prevalence of suicide in our State and how we can prevent this tragedy from happening in the future.

This event will take place on Saturday April 28th 2007 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM and will include an opening ceremony composed of both suicide survivors and people who have attempted to commit suicide sharing their stories of personal grief and hope. The opening ceremony will take place at the Northwest Pavilion in Sugar House Park. The featured speaker at this year's walk will be Richard Paul Evens author of "The Christmas Box" and will be followed by a 5K walk through the park. They are expecting approximately 1,000 participants this year.

Approximately every 17 minutes someone will commit suicide in the United States alone, and Utah has the 10th highest suicide rate in the nation according to the American Association of *Suicidology*. The walk is designed to liberate friends, family and the Utah community from the shame and silent suffering that surrounds suicide.

Given the fact that Utah has the highest incidence of clinical depression in the United States, it makes sense to begin looking at the creation of a statewide suicide prevention plan.

Further, it requires a sociological analysis of the culture/cultures that exist in Utah and needs they either meet or don't meet. Self destruction is something that only occurs when people feel they have little or no worth. Self identity does not develop in a vacuum. People learn to feel about themselves in the context of social interaction. So, research needs to be done about the nature of social class, social stratification and social interaction. Then perhaps we can change the culture to become more life affirming.

All proceeds from this event will be used to support suicide prevention and intervention programs. For more information please contact The Mental Health Association in Utah at 801-596-3705 or visit our web site at [www.xmission.com/~mhaut/](http://www.xmission.com/~mhaut/)

## TRACKING HEALTH IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Tracking Health in Underserved Communities [www.meharry.org/FI/index.html](http://www.meharry.org/FI/index.html) is a website sponsored by the National Library of Medicine and Meharry Medical College that highlights health disparities in underserved communities. It is organized into five major areas: Access to Health, Mental Health, Minority Health, Women's Health, and Sexually Transmitted Diseases. Within each major area, there are several topic pages, including cancer, depression, obstetrical care, and barriers to care for immigrants.

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## THE EXHIBITION RACE: ARE WE SO DIFFERENT?

It's a simple truth.

People are different. Throughout history, these differences have been a source of community strength and personal identity. They have also been the basis for discrimination and oppression.

The idea of "race" has been used historically to describe these differences and justify mistreatment of people and even genocide. Today, contemporary scientific understanding of human variation is beginning to challenge "racial" differences, and even question the very concept of race.

Yet, are we so different? Current science tells us we share a common ancestry and the differences among people we see are natural variations, results of migration, marriage and adaptation to different environments. How does this fit with the idea of race?

Looking through the eyes of history, science and lived experience, the RACE Project explains differences among people and reveals the reality – and unreality – of race. The story of race is complex and may challenge how we think about race and human variation, about the differences and similarities among people.

*RACE: Are We So Different?*, developed by the American Anthropological Association in collaboration with the Science Museum of Minnesota, is the first national exhibition to tell the stories of race from the biological, cultural, and historical points of view. Combining these perspectives offers an unprecedented look at race and racism in the United States.

The exhibition RACE: Are we so different? brings together the everyday experience of living with race, its history as an idea, the role of science in that history, and the findings of contemporary science that are challenging its foundations.

Interactive exhibit components, historical artifacts, iconic objects, compelling photographs, multimedia presentations, and attractive graphic displays offer visitors to RACE an eye-opening look at its important subject matter.

To learn more about the exhibition RACE: Are we so different? I highly recommend to visit their excellent Web site <http://www.understandingrace.org/index.html> where you will find information related to this topic from different perspectives, resources for families, teachers, and researchers, and where, among other activities, you can play to take a walk in someone else's shoes or where you can test your knowledge on facts and stereotypes. After visiting the Web site, please tell us if you would like to see this exhibition in Salt Lake City. Send an email to [cmh@utah.gov](mailto:cmh@utah.gov) subject RACE EXHIBITION

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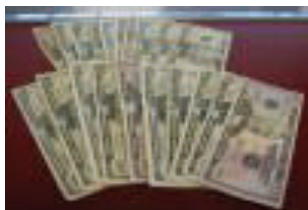
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## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES ( I )

### "Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives, U.S. Department of Labor" \*Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Targeted Capacity Building Program\*

**WHAT:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), announces that applications will be accepted for new grants pursuant to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) authorized under Title XI Section 1110 of the Social Security Act governing Social Services Research and Demonstration activities and the Department of Labor, HHS, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006, Public Law (P.L.) 109-149.

Pursuant to this announcement, OCS will award funds to help build the capacity of faith-based and community organizations that address the needs of distressed communities. A distressed community is defined as a neighborhood or geographic community with an unemployment rate and/or poverty rate equal to or greater than the State or national rate. The Targeted Capacity Building Program will focus on capacity building among organizations addressing the following programmatic service areas: help for at-risk youth; help for the homeless; marriage education and preparation services to help couples who choose marriage for themselves develop the skills and knowledge to form and sustain healthy marriages; or social services to those living in rural communities.

**\*WHO:** \*Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply

**\*WHEN:** Applications are due by April 10, 2007\*

**AWARD AMOUNT:** up to 200 awards of \$50,000 per project

**CONTACT:** Thom Campbell at (800) 281-9519

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** [www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-IJ-0036.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-IJ-0036.html)

**Finding Answers: Disparities Research for Change** at the University of Chicago is awarding and managing approximately \$6 million to 25-30 grantees to support rigorous evaluations of practical and replicable solutions designed to reduce and eliminate disease specific racial and ethnic health care disparities. Awards range from \$100,000 to \$275,000. The second CFP (second of three CFPs) is now available.

– Grants awarded under this program go to the organizations (health care organizations, providers or health insurance plans) implementing the intervention. Grantees may conduct the evaluation in partnership with a recognized academic institution or research group. Proposals must focus on innovative interventions that reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the treatment of cardiovascular disease, depression, and diabetes.

– Applications are accepted in two phases. The first phase is a brief proposal submission open to all interested research teams. **The deadline for brief proposals is May 17, 2007** at 2 p.m. CT. The second phase is a full proposal submission and will be accepted by invitation only.

– All applications, both the brief and full proposals, must be submitted through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Grantmaking Online system.

Additional information: (866) 344-9800.

- To view the CFP, go to: [www.solvingdisparities.org/apply/cfp](http://www.solvingdisparities.org/apply/cfp)

On April 2, 2007, Channing Bete Company will begin accepting \*\*a limited number of applications\*\* for the Channing Bete Company's **Community Services Grant Program**. They'll be awarding four grants of \$750 each towards the purchase of Channing Bete Company materials. Since there is no restriction on the type of Channing Bete Company products that can be purchased in this grant program, grant recipients have access to over 1,000 research-based, audience-targeted publications, presentations, and prevention programs. Applications will become available on our Web site on April 2, 2007. For a downloadable application, go to [www.channing-bete.com/funding/index.php?src=em](http://www.channing-bete.com/funding/index.php?src=em)

For more grant opportunities visit the previous issues of *The Connection*

<http://www.health.utah.gov/cmh/news.html#newsletters>





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## JOB AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### HEALTH EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Full time position that will plan, develop, implement and evaluate health education, health promotion and enabling service programs at CHC clinic sites. Responsible for program design, development and reporting. Responsible for developing curriculum appropriate to adult learning and assessing competencies relating to adult curriculum. Responsible for the hiring, training, developing and supervising of staff required for the operation of programs. Will conduct one-on-one and group patient education sessions. Position requires a Bachelors Degree related to health education and at least one year or related experience. Related experience may be substituted for formal education. Must have effective oral and written communication skills along with effective presentation skills. Bilingual Spanish/English skills are required. Community Health Centers, Inc. offers a salary based on experience and a generous benefits package.

To Apply: Fax resume (801) 412-6950, or mail to: 1798 South West Temple A-100, SLC, Utah, 84115.

### MULTI-ETHNIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Multi-Ethnic Development Corporation is a Utah nonprofit organization that develops, owns, and manages affordable housing throughout Utah. The Executive Director is responsible for the organization's consistent achievement of its mission and financial objectives

Applications will be received until position is filled.

Fax resumes to 533-0101.

### UDOH JOB POSTINGS

[EMS CLINICAL MEDICAL DIRECTOR](#), [EPIDEMIOLOGIST II](#), [HEALTH CARE COORDINATOR](#), [HEALTH PROGRAM MANAGER II](#), [REGISTERED NURSE III](#), [REGISTERED NURSE III](#), [USIIS PROJECT MANAGER](#)

### Fourth Street Clinic, (Wasatch Homeless Health Care) Deputy Director/Development Director

The Fourth Street Clinic is seeking a Deputy Director/Development Director to assist the Executive Director in providing overall leadership of Health Care for Homeless (HCH) operations via planning, directing, monitoring, reporting and coordinating activities to ensure HCH meets the needs of its patients and fulfills its mission in a financially viable manner.

Working with the Executive Director and the Board of Directors, the Deputy Director fosters productive working relationships among staff, consumers, and governmental and community organizations in accomplishing the mission of the organization.

Applications will be received through April 16, 2007

Submit to: Allan Ainsworth, Ph.D. at [allan@fourthstreetclinic.org](mailto:allan@fourthstreetclinic.org)

### Title: Programs Department Internship

Company: National MS Society Utah State Chapter

Deadline: April 5, 2007

Hours: Business hours, Flexible. 200 hours total

Pay: Stipend available based on performance

Description: This position will work with the Programs Manager of a non-profit designed to help people living with multiple sclerosis. The internship responsibilities will include program planning, implementation, and evaluation; community outreach; and creating community partnerships.

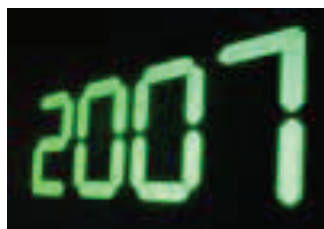
Requirements: Applicants should have excellent communication skills, written and verbal; excellent follow-through; good computer skills; ability to work on a team; comfortable being a liaison to community agencies; and be self motivated.

Other Information: We are looking to fill this internship quickly and have this person start as soon as possible. Please email or fax resume to Jessica at [jessica.strong@msn.org](mailto:jessica.strong@msn.org)

### Asthma Internship Available - Stipend

We are looking for responsible, energetic, self-motivated students to assist the Utah Department of Health's Asthma Program in educating school faculty throughout the state about asthma and its effects on children. Interns will provide asthma training to school personnel while implementing the Utah Department of Health Asthma Program's Asthma School Resource Manual.

For more information go to: [www.health.utah.gov/asthma/](http://www.health.utah.gov/asthma/)



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## CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

### HISPANIC HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES AMONG THE UTAH HISPANIC POPULATION CONFERENCE  
WORKING TOGETHER FOR SOLUTIONS" Salt Lake City, **April 20, 2007**

The Second Annual Utah Hispanic Health Disparities Conference Working Together for Solutions to be held Friday April 20, 2007 at the Granite School District Office 2500 South State Street from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Cost for the conference is \$30 advance registration and \$35 at the door.

The conference will be a dialogue for action among Hispanics in the health field, elected state representatives, and decision makers in education and health delivery organizations in Utah. Three sessions will focus on Mental Health and Latinos, How to Use Effectively Health Data IBIS Computer Training and Health Legislation and Its Impact on the Hispanic/Latino Population.

The conference goals are:

- To develop effective and replicable quality-improvement strategies, models and resources in order to improve health care delivery for the Utah Hispanic population.
- To provide the strategies and models as resources to health providers and clinical agencies.
- To create open communication for continuing dialogue with policy makers and health providers about best practices regarding access to health care.

CEU credits for Medical Doctors, Nurses, and Social Workers may be available. For more information please call 359-8922 or 538-6491

Felina Ortiz, CNM, MSN  
Chairperson  
Hispanic Health Care Task Force  
801. 419-6085

### 5th Annual Summer Workshop DISPARITIES IN HEALTH IN AMERICA: WORKING TOWARDS SOCIAL JUSTICE

**June 23-29**, Houston Texas  
Center for Research on Minority Health, Department of Health Disparities Research  
Additional information [www.mdanderson.org/crmh](http://www.mdanderson.org/crmh)

### Diversity in Action: The Local Impact of Globalization

24th Annual National MultiCultural Institute. Diversity Leadership Development Institute  
April 26-29, 2007 Minneapolis, MN

NMCI Diversity Leadership Institutes bring together professionals from across the country and around the world in an intimate atmosphere to explore diversity and multiculturalism in both personal and professional contexts. NMCI Institutes offer:

A variety of workshops for professional development on diversity and training; Networking events; and Opportunities for dialogue on the critical issues of diversity and inclusion in our society.

Space is limited - register <http://nmci.org/conferences/register.htm>

**ABOUT THE CMH**

The Center for Multicultural Health (CMH) is the Utah office of minority health. It is part of the Utah Department of Health, Division of Community and Family Health Services.

Our mission is to promote accessible and high-quality programs and policies that help all racial and ethnic minorities in Utah achieve optimal health. We accomplish our mission by increasing public and health professional awareness of persistent race/ethnic disparities and by developing effective health policies and culturally competent programs that lead to better access and utilization of quality health care services in Utah.



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**MORE CONFERENCES AND EVENTS****Caring for Children Orphaned by AIDS in Kenya**

Friday April 6, from 12-1pm at the Utah Department of Health (288N 1460W), room 114.

A "brown-bag" presentation by Mati Ntongodu. Mati is originally from Kenya, but lives in West Valley now. His mother, Beth, started the Igembe Charity Academy, which is an institution taking care of kids orphaned by the AIDS epidemic. The institution has over 300 pupils.

**Genetics and Depression "brown bag" presentation**

Monday April 16, from 12-1pm at the Utah Department of Health, room 125. Clinical psychologist Scott Fidler will be presenting on the topic of Genetics and Depression.

Video conferencing is available, if you would like to participate via video conferencing please RSVP to Karlee Adams at [karleeadams@utah.gov](mailto:karleeadams@utah.gov) by April 11, 2007. For more information visit our web site at

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**2007 Public Health Conference for Utah**

April 10-12, Utah cultural Celebration Center, West Valley City

More information: <http://www.upha.org/conference/index.htm>

**2007 UTAH CANCER CONFERENCE**

Cancer Survivorship and the Health Care Professional - Care from Diagnosis and Beyond

May 3 and 4, 2007

Ovarian Cancer Dialogue for Action

May 5, 2007

Registration - [www.active.com/framed/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=1422560](http://www.active.com/framed/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1422560)

**Minority Women's Health Summit**

The 2007 Minority Women's Health Summit (*Women of Color: Addressing Disparities, Affirming Resilience, and Developing Strategies for Success*) is the third to address health disparities among women of color living in the United States. The Summit will be August 23-26 in Washington, DC. The goal is to focus on the often unrecognized threats to health experienced by women of color. [www.womenshealth.gov/mwhs](http://www.womenshealth.gov/mwhs)

**Achieving Health Equity: Ensuring Access to Care**

April 17-18, 2007

Kauffman Foundation Conference Center • 4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO. Register early - space is limited!

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